

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 6. (canceled).

7. (currently amended): A distributed computer system comprising:

a first computer network to which at least one device for periodically sending or receiving ~~a message~~ messages is connected;

a second computer network to which at least one device for performing the sending or receiving messages ~~of a message~~ in response to an event or demand is connected; and

a gateway connected to said first and second computer networks, said gateway having periodic message receiving means for receiving messages which said first computer network sends periodically, first memory means for storing the messages received by said periodic message receiving means, message value change detecting means for detecting [the] a change of the value of the data included in each of the messages ~~the message~~ stored in said first memory means, and event message sending means for producing a message from the data stored in said first memory means when said message value change detecting means detects [a] the change of the value of the data, and for delivering the produced message to said second computer network;

wherein said at least one device connected to said first computer network for periodically sending or receiving messages is an engine controlling device or an ~~ACC control~~ adaptive cruise control (ACC) controlling unit, and said device for sending or receiving messages in response to [an] the event or demand is a navigation system or an internet terminal.

8. (currently amended): A distributed system as claimed in claim 7, wherein said gateway further comprises:

event message receiving means for receiving an event message delivered on ~~to one~~ the first network in response to an event or demand for reading in data;

second memory means for storing data of said event message;[,] and

periodic message sending means for delivering periodically the data stored in said second memory means as a periodic message on ~~a different~~ the second network.